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SUBJECT: RWANDAN MOD CHIEF OF OF EXTERNAL INTEL ON
BURUNDI, UGANDA AND ARUSHA

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: THE RWANDAN MOD CHIEF OF EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SEES HIMSELF AS THE POINT MAN FOR CONFIDENCE BUILDING WITH BURUNDI. HE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN
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KAMPALA FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. HE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH PROGRESS IN POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN ARUSHA, THE FRENCH ROLE IN RWANDA, AND RPF MEMBERS OF THE NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP (NMOG). END SUMMARY.

POINT MAN WITH BURUNDI

3. LT. COL. RUTAYISIRE LAURENT, DIRECTOR GENERAL AT THE MOD FOR EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY, INVITED EMBOFF AND AF/RA POL/MIL ADVISOR LT. COL.

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ANTHONY MARLEY TO DINNER ON NOV. 29, 1992. DURING THE 3 AND ONE HALF HOUR MEETING, RUTAYISIRE HELD FORTH ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS. ON BURUNDI, HE GAVE A READOUT ON HIS MEETING IN BUJUMBURA WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS ON NOV. 27 AND 28. THE MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS BURUNDIAN FEARS THAT RWANDA IS TRAINING PALIPEHUTU TERRORISTS.

4. HE STATED THAT IT IS NOT IN RWANDA'S INTERESTS TO ALLOW THE PALIPEHUTU TO USE RWANDA AS A BASE FROM WHICH TO LAUNCH ATTACKS INTO BURUNDI. AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW EVENTS IN RWANDA CAN BE MISINTERPRETED AS BEING THREATENING TO BURUNDI, HE GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF AN INCIDENT ON NOV. 11 IN NSHILI COMMUNE WHICH THE BURUNDIS SAW AS EVIDENCE OF PALIPEHUTU ACTIVITIES NEAR THEIR BORDER, BUT WHICH THE RWANDANS INSIST WAS AN ALMOST FARCICAL ATTEMPT BY RWANDAN GENDARMES TO OBTAIN INTELLIGENCE ON THE PALIPEHUTU IN THE AREA.

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5. RUTAYISIRE CLAIMS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A SOLID AND CONFIDENTIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN BUJUMBURA (NAME NOT GIVEN). HE AGREED THAT RWANDA'S AND BURUNDI'S FUTURES ARE TIED TOGETHER, AND STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO MEET WITH THE BURUNDIS EVERY TWO MONTHS TO KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN, AS WELL AS TO ASSURE THAT MUTUAL SUSPICIONS ARE DEALT WITH BEFORE THEY TURN INTO INTERNATIONAL INCIDENTS.

POSSIBLE TO DO THE SAME IN KAMPALA?

6. THE COLONEL PUT FORTH THE IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH A SIMILAR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE COUNTERPARTS IN KAMPALA. HE ASKED IF THE U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO PRESENT SUCH AN IDEA TO THE GOR AND GOU, STATING THAT IT WOULD BE SEEN IN A BETTER LIGHT IF IT CAME FROM THE USG RATHER THAN HIM. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT THE IDEA WOULD BE EXAMINED, AND THAT ANY MEASURE AIMED AT BUILDING CONFIDENCE BETWEEN RWANDA AND UGANDA WOULD BE TREATED POSITIVELY.

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ARUSHA POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS

7. RUTAYISIRE SOUGHT FROM LTC. MARLEY A READOUT ON
THE STALLED NEGOTIATIONS IN ARUSHA (HE WAS A MEMBER
OF THE RWANDAN DELEGATION TO THE SECOND JPMC IN
ADDIS). MARLEY REITERATED THE RPF POSITION THAT THE
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POLITICAL BASIS FOR THE CONFLICT HAD TO BE ADDRESSED
BEFORE ISSUES OF FORCE INTEGRATION AND DEMOBILIZATION
COULD BE NEGOTIATED. RUTAYISIRE AGREED THAT THIS WAS
THE MOST LOGICAL ROAD TO TAKE. HE MADE THE
SURPRISING STATEMENT THAT, IF HE FOUND HIMSELF IN THE
SHOES OF THE RPF, HAVING BEEN EXILED FROM HIS COUNTRY
WITH NO HOPE OF EVER RETURNING, HE WOULD PROBABLY
TAKE UP ARMS AS WELL, AND INSIST ON MANY OF THE SAME
POINTS WHICH THE RPF HAS DEMANDED BE INCLUDED IN THE
PEACE ACCORD UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE FRENCH ROLE

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8. RUTAYISIRE STATED THAT THE GOF'S DEEP INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GOR MILITARY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO BE SEEN AS A NEUTRAL MEDIATOR OR FACILITATOR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE DISCOUNTED AS WELL THE BELGIANS, SAYING THAT THEIR OWN INTERNAL POLITICAL

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DISORGANIZATION MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO TAKE DECISIONS OR PLAY A VERY ACTIVE ROLE. LTC. MARLEY NOTED THAT THE NMOG WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REPORT ON THE ROLE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN RWANDA AT THE NEXT JPMC MEETING. EMBOFF ASKED IF THE GOR WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH TROOPS IN RWANDA, IN KEEPING WITH THE FIRST ARUSHA PROTOCOL. RUTAYISIRE RESPONDED THAT THE ONLY ISSUE TO BE DECIDED WAS WHETHER THE TROOPS' PRESENCE WAS GOVERNED BY A BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND STATED THAT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE CONTINGENT OF FRENCH TRAINERS IN RUHENGERI AD THE PARATROOPS IN KIGALI WAS ARTIFICIAL. IN ANY CASE, HE FELT THAT THIS WAS ALL JUST SMOKE FROM THE RPF, AND SOMEHOW NOT REALLY CENTRAL TO THE ISSUE OF FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDA.

RPF MEMBERS OF THE NMOG

9. WHEN THE TOPIC OF THE RPF MEMBERS OF THE NMOG CAME UP, RUTAYISIRE STATED THAT THEIR CHIEF OF DELEGATION, SENIOR OFFICER KAREKE KARENZI, HAD BEEN

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CONSISTENTLY COMBATIVE AND PROVOCATIVE IN HIS BEHAVIOR SINCE HIS ARRIVAL. WHERE OTHER RPF/NMOG MEMBERS HAD BEEN ABLE TO INTEGRATE THEMSELVES INTO THE FORCE, AND INTO THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING, KARENZI'S BEHAVIOR HAD BEEN UNACCEPTABLE. HE IS ACCUSED OF THREATENING PEOPLE WITH HIS WEAPON, BLOCKING PROGRESS IN NMOG MEETINGS, AND WITH ANTAGONIZING THE FRENCH MILATT. (POST NOTES THAT NMOG COMMANDERS, AS WELL AS THE GOR CHIEF OF

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DELEGATION, HAVE MADE NO MENTION OF THESE PROBLEMS TO THE EMBASSY.)

10. COMMENT: RUTAYISIRE WAS RELAXED AND TALKATIVE THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. HE PROJECTED THE IMAGE OF BEING RATIONAL AND REASONABLE, TO THE POINT OF SYMPATHIZING WITH RPF POSITIONS AND PROBLEMS. WHILE HE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO HIS EXPLANATION OF RWANDA/BURUNDI RELATIONS, FOR THE REST HIS GOAL SEEMED MORE TO RENEW HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH LTC. MARLEY. HE DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED AS TO THE DAY-TO-DAY MEANDERINGS OF THE ARUSHA PROCESS.

11. AS A SIDELIGHT, POST NOTES THAT WHEN EMBOFF AND LTC. MARLEY FIRST MET RUTAYISIRE AT KIGALI AIRPORT ON NOV. 27, HE WAS THERE TO MEET THREE WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS ARRIVING FROM KENYA. DURING OUR SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE RPF IN BYUMBA (REPORTED SEPTTEL) SENIOR OFFICER KARENZI TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE GOR WAS MBETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO DISCUSS FURTHER ARMS PURCHASES, AND TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING SOUTH AFRICAN "MERCENARIES" TO ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF GOR FORCES. WHILE ARMS NEGOTIATIONS ARE LIKELY, POST SERIOUSLY DOUBTS THE "MERCENARY" ANGLE. END COMMENT.

12. LTC. MARLEY CLEARED ON THE TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE.
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